

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

9.1 - Three - Minute Public Comment Policy

Resolution No. 9.1 - September 29 of 2025.

A Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Eastchester Fire District Establishing a Time Limit for Public Comment at Meetings

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Eastchester Fire District (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of public participation and values the input of residents and stakeholders during its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to ensure that meetings are conducted in an orderly, efficient, and respectful manner, allowing all interested parties a fair opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized under New York State law and the Open Meetings Law to adopt reasonable rules governing the conduct of its meetings, including the regulation of public comment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby establishes the following policy regarding public comment at all regular and special meetings of the Board:

1. Time Limit: Each individual wishing to speak during the public comment portion of a meeting shall be permitted to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes.
2. Extension of Time: Any individual who wishes to speak for longer than three (3) minutes must request and receive prior approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners, which may be granted at the discretion of the Board.

3. Applicability: This policy shall apply to all members of the public, including residents, property owners, and other stakeholders, and shall be enforced in a viewpoint-neutral manner.
4. Implementation: The Chairperson or presiding officer of the meeting shall be responsible for enforcing this policy and may use a timer or other means to ensure compliance.
5. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Eastchester Fire District.

9.2 - District Property Guidelines Policy

WHEREAS, the Eastchester Fire District (the “District”) is a duly organized fire district governed by a Board of Fire Commissioners pursuant to the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (the “Board”) is responsible for the management, control, and oversight of all real and personal property owned by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s property, including but not limited to fire stations, apparatus, equipment, and other assets, is held for the benefit of the public and must be used in a manner consistent with the District’s mission and applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish clear guidelines to ensure that any use of District property by volunteer fire companies or other entities is subject to appropriate oversight and authorization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Eastchester Fire District as follows:

1. **Use of District Property:** No volunteer fire company, fire department, or any other organization or individual shall use, occupy, or access any property, equipment, or facilities owned by the District without the prior written approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
2. **Approval Process:** Any request for use of District property must be submitted in writing to the Board, specifying the nature, purpose, date, and duration of the proposed use. The Board shall review such requests at a duly convened meeting and may approve, deny, or conditionally approve the request in its sole discretion.
3. **Enforcement:** Unauthorized use of District property shall be deemed a violation of this Resolution and may result in disciplinary action, revocation of privileges, or other remedies as permitted by law.
4. **Effective Date:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.